

Please amend the claims as follows:

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26. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid [molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides or complementary to a sequence encoding a proteinaceous molecule having the following characteristics:

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(i) comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 15% similarity but at least about 5% dissimilarity to the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2; (ii) exhibits at least one property in common with vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)] encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 70% similarity to SEQ ID NO:6.

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~~Claim 27, lines 1 and 2, delete "the proteinaceous molecule" and insert therefor --said polypeptide--.~~

~~Claim 28, lines 1 and 2, delete "the proteinaceous molecule" and insert therefor --said polypeptide--.~~

~~Claim 30, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor --26--.~~

~~Claim 30, line 1, delete "molecule" both occurrences and insert --nucleic acid-- after "said".~~

Please add the following new claims:

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--43. A process for the production of a biologically active VEGF-like protein comprising expressing a nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having at least about 70% similarity to SEQ ID NO:6 in a host and isolating said VEGF-like protein.